

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants, #0667 in the amount of \$285,695.60, and #0670 in the amount of \$2,989,297.68. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Approve Minutes of February 6, 2006. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
3. Announcements – Mr. Card asked Chief Sampson to look into the dangerous traffic conditions at Stanley Road by the medical building. The Chief will check and report back. Mr. Lebeaux advised that Board members had been receiving a lot of calls and communications regarding the town budget. He suggested that in order to answer the questions that are being raised that the Board hold a public hearing on March 13th in this room at 7:00pm to take testimony from residents on this subject. All Board members supported Mr. Lebeaux's suggestion. This will be a public hearing where the Board will listen to what residents have to say. The Board may offer some comments but it will be basically a hearing to hear from the public. Notices will be sent to Town Meeting members and will be posted on cable TV.
4. Town Manager's Report - Nothing other than what is on the agenda. Mr. Morgado advised that he would be not be seeking an executive session this evening. Mr. DePalo asked if there could be a short executive session to discuss pending litigation. The Board and Mr. Morgado agreed.

Meetings:

5. 7:00pm – Lt. James Hurley Recognition of Service. Chief Sampson introduced Chief James Hurley of the Leicester Police Dept. and congratulated him on his appointment. The Board of Selectmen thanked Jim for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Shrewsbury and added their congratulations and best wishes to Chief Hurley in his new position and presented him with a citation. Chief Hurley thanked the Board and Chef Sampson for their kind words.
6. 7:15pm – Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. Suzanne Lapage of CMRPC and John Knipe, in his capacity as Chairman of the CMRPC, were present. Ms. Lapage distributed material regarding a traffic study of Route 20 and a corridor profile on Route 9. She explained the studies and asked for the Board's approval to add both projects to the TIP list. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to endorse both projects to proceed through the design and planning process for approval to the TIP.
7. 7:45pm – Fire Station Building Committee. Chairman Bruce Card and members of the Fire Station Building Committee Robert Cox, Fire Chief LaFlamme, Ralph LeBlanc and Anthony Mastromatteo were present. Mr. Card reviewed the public hearing held on February 23rd and the various plans that had been presented. Mr. Morgado advised that the material is available for review on the web site. Chief LaFlamme advised that the committee is in the process of revising the previously presented plan that was defeated last fall. The revisions will be reviewed at the next committee meeting which is scheduled for March 9th.

Public Hearings:

8. 7:05pm – Center Cafe, 574 Main Street, Phuong Tram, owner, Common Victualler's License, Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 5:30am-4:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 6:00am-1:00pm. Phuong Tram and her translator were present. Mr. Lebeaux asked Ms. Tram if she planned any changes in the present operation of the establishment. She said no changes were planned. Mr. Lebeaux opened the hearing for

public comment as there was none; motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the application as stated of Phuong Tram, Center Café for a Common Victualler's License

9. 7:30pm – BUCA Restaurants 3, Inc. d/b/a Vinny Testa's, Roger Dubois, manager, change of d/b/a from BUCA Restaurants 3, Inc. d/b/a Vinny Testa's to BUCA Restaurants 3, Inc. d/b/a Vinny T's of Boston. No other changes. William Whitberg, general manager, was present and advised the Board that no other changes were planned other than the change in d/b/a. Mr. Lebeaux opened the hearing to the public and as there was no comment, motion was made seconded and unanimously voted to close the hearing. Motion was made to approve the application of BUCA Restaurants 3, Inc. for a change in d/b/a from Vinny Testa's to Vinny T's of Boston. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

Old Business:

10. Response from Chief Sampson re Parking on Browne Road. Chief Sampson advised that the no parking area on Browne Road is in place because of safety issues. He does not recommend removal of the restriction. The Board was in agreement with the Chief's recommendation. The business owner will be notified of the decision.
11. Response from Chief Sampson re Stop Sign - Audubon Drive & O'Donnell Avenue. Mr. Lebeaux reviewed the inquiry that prompted this request and Chief Sampson's response. The Chief recommends that a stop sign be placed on O'Donnell Avenue facing northerly at the intersection of Audubon Drive. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to amend the Traffic Rules and Orders accordingly.
12. Response from Chief Sampson re Request from UMass Memorial Foundation to use portions of town streets for 8th Annual Mass. AFL-CIO "Walk to Cure Cancer," Sunday, September 10, 2006, registration beginning at 10:00am, walk beginning at 12:00 noon. Chief Sampson advises that there is no problem with this request. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
13. Response from Chief Sampson re North & High Streets. Board has already taken action in this matter.

New Business:

14. Struck Catering, 130 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA 01604, One Day All Alcohol License for event at Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, 222 Maple Avenue, Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. Motion was made, seconded and voted four in favor with one abstention to approve the application as stated.
15. Ski Ward, Inc., 1000 Main Street, One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License for Family Fun Race Day, Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm. Mr. Lebeaux reviewed a recent ZBA decision regarding the serving of food for this establishment, not alcohol. After a discussion by the Board, a motion was made to deny the request. Motion was seconded and voted four in favor of denial and one against.
16. St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox Church, 1 Industrial Drive, One Day All Alcohol License for event Rescheduled from Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 8:00pm to 1:00am to Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 2:00pm to 1:00am due to snow storm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the application. Fee for second license was waived.
17. Sign Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement with the Town of Grafton - CenTech East. Mr. Morgado advised that this is an extension of a previous agreement. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve and sign the extension.

Mr. Fiore said that he had received a complaint about the Edgemere Diner being an eyesore. Mr. Morgado advised that the town is still waiting for a ruling on a home rule petition by the general court. Once this is received the town can issue a long term lease RFP for the building. This issue will be added as a future agenda item.

Mr. Lebeaux noted that Board members had been receiving a great deal of commentary on budget issues. Most are good but some are mean spirited. He asked that those sending these communication review what

they have written before sending. He made this request as it appears that we could be in a similar situation as occurred fifteen years ago which did not serve anyone well.

Executive Session:

18. Collective bargaining, pending litigation, and value of real property. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:34pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation. The Board was polled, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. Fiore, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Communications:

19. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Lynn Roy, 319 Gulf Street, re Proposition 2 _.
20. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Susanna Meyer, 150 Spring Street, re Budget.
21. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Karen Jervah, 1 Crane Circle, re Town Budget Concerns.
22. Noted Copy mailed: E-mail from William & Cynthia Wright, 1 Cooper Drive, re School Budget
23. Noted copy mailed: CMRPC Assessment for FY 2007. Annual assessment - \$7,078.82
24. Noted copy mailed: Home Depot Foundation & U.S. Conference of Mayors - 2006 Awards of Excellence for Community Trees, Overview & Guidelines.
25. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Kathleen Rocheleau, 20 St. James Road, re FY07 Budget Concerns.
26. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Dina Nichols, 18 Olde Colony Drive, re Proposition 2 _.
27. Noted copy mailed: City & Town Vol. 19, No. 2 – February 2006.
28. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Joe Smongeski, 96 Spring Street, re Proposition 2 _.
29. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Mary Ellen Beaton, 101 Holman Street, re School Budget
30. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Wynn Bowers, 2 Keyes House Road, re School Budget
31. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Jane Marie Ouellette, 32 Rawson Hill Drive, re School Budget.
32. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Clint Mills, 18 Ryan Road, re Proposition 2 _.
33. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Sen. Augustus re “Slow Growth & Demographic Change” lecture. Event has already occurred.
34. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Susan Zweizig, 2 Keyes House Road, re Proposition 2 _.
35. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Ken Milley, 105 Francis Avenue, re Proposition 2 _.
36. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Patricia Wolohan, 59 Stoney Hill Road, re Proposition 2 _.
37. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Richard Renard, 6 Seneca Street, re Proposition 2 _.
38. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Maureen Schneider, 39 Wachusett Circle, re Proposition 2 _.
39. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Agenda, 2/15/06.
40. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Agenda, 2/28/06.
41. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Becky Dalke, 25 Keyes House Road, re Proposition 2 _.
42. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Lisa Godek, 98 Stoney Hill Road, re Proposition 2 _.
43. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Deanna Fernacz, 10 Crane Circle, re Proposition 2 _.
44. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Heidi Clermont, 6 Leonard Parkway, re Budget
45. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Julie Weiss, 20 Oak Ridge Way, re School budget
46. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Anthony Salerno, 6 Fieldstone Drive, expressing interest in reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Hold appointments to ZBA until later meeting.
47. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Board of Library Commissioners re Shrewsbury receiving certification to receive FY2006 State Aid to Public Libraries.
48. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Russell Alexander, 35 Old Laxfield Road, re Budget.
49. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Steve Danielson, 75 Stoney Hill Road, re Proposition 2 _.
50. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Jim & Sara Tiernan, 2 Carriage Hill Road, re Schools Budget.
51. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Debra O’Rourke, 3 Reuben Circle, re Proposition 2 _.
52. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Chris McCoy, 6 Bracken Road, re School Budget.

53. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Chris & Amy Kotsopoulos, 29 Estabrook Road, re Proposition 2 _.
54. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Minutes 1/18/06.
55. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from George Burns, 49 Monroe Street, re School Budget
56. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Town Clerk Ann Dagle re Denise Daley's resignation from the Registrar of Voters. Contact Democratic Town Committee for nomination for replacement and send letter to Ms. Daley thanking her for her service.
57. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Pamela Marshall, 86 Floral Street, re School Budget.
58. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Mike Kiely, 91 Summer Street, re Override.
59. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Susan Shaughnessy, 74 Stoney Hill Road, re School Budget
60. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Carolyn Rocco, 37 Keyes House Road, re Proposition 2 _.
61. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Patricia Kuehl, 9 Dana Road, re Proposition 2 _.
62. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Erin Canzano, 6 Holman Heights Circle, re Budget.
63. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Scott Baker, 19 Coachman Ridge Road, re School Budget.
64. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Joe Radovanic, 3 Olde Colony Drive, re School Budget
65. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Steve Johnson, 23 Rockwell Drive, re Proposition 2 _.
66. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Amy Tonelli, 17 Saxon Lane, re Budget.
67. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Susan Nerkowski, 3 Dickinson Circle, re Proposition 2 _.
68. Noted copy mailed: MMA Action Alert #2, February 17, 2006.
69. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Johanna Musselman, 39 Stoneybrook Lane, re Town Budget.
70. Noted copy mailed: MBTA Advisory Board Meeting Agenda and Materials.
71. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Debra Bonollo, 21 Summer Street, re Schools.
72. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Joy Buck, 11 Greylock Avenue, re hunting.
73. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Caroline Current, 32 Overlook Avenue, re school budget.
74. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Paul George, 20 Rice Street, expressing interest in reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Hold for later meeting.
75. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Richard & Kim Wackell, 58 Beverly Hill Drive, re Proposition 2 _.
76. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Howard & Andrea Fease, 10 Canna Drive, re Proposition 2 _.
Opposed.
77. Noted copy mailed: Planning Board Meeting Agenda, 3/2/06.
78. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Agenda, 3/1/06.
79. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Mr. Morgado to Congressman McGovern re Advanced MicroSensors.
A Shrewsbury company is in competition for a large contract and asked that a letter be sent on their behalf to the Congressman.
80. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Mary Ellen Radovanic, 3 Olde Colony Road, re School System.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:34pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. On a roll call vote Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. Fiore, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary